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## OUR MERCHANT MARINE

Modern civilization is an economic one. The basis of all economic civilization is transportation. Coal and oil may be the only momentarily basic fuels; it is possible some other fuel may be discovered. Fuel in one form or another will always be basic to transportation and transportation in one form or another is basic to exchange of goods.

In my second article, for some time, I undertook to demonstrate how up to the time of the civil war America had developed a strong merchant marine and to sketch the conditions surrounding our practical disappearance from the sea between the time of the civil war and the world war.

During this latter period we were developing the great wealth west of the Alleghenies, one of the chief contributions to that development was the upbuilding of our vast railroad system, largely subsidized through grants of land, federal, state and local. We were in that period a self-sufficient and self-contained nation, having need of world trade only in small measure for the disposition of surplus products and to pay with them the money borrowed for our development. Our creditors were largely the leading maritime nations of the world, and they sent their ships to receive the goods in payment of what we owed them.

In the last decades through America has changed from a self-contained and self-sufficient nation, the type of nation that can largely do without a merchant marine, to one that now must look across the waters for many of its needs.

And so the cycle of events, our very self-sufficiency from within gave rise to luxuries which finally became necessities until we became changed from a nation almost entirely an exporter of raw materials to one in very great measure, an importer of raw materials.

We must obtain manganese for our steel mills from Russia and South America; our automobile tire industry must obtain crude rubber from Brazil and Africa; our tin plate manufacturers must import their tin from the Malay straits and Bolivia; our silk factories must get their raw product from China and Japan; our manufacturers of twines, canvas, linens and laces must get their flax from Russia and Belgium.

We must also import large quantities of coconut oil and other vegetable oils from the Dutch East Indies and from Pacific isles; coffee from Brazil; tea from China, India, Japan; sugar from Cuba; rice from the far east; spices from the East Indies; platinum from Colombia; vanadium from Peru and asphalt from Venezuela.

If we are to keep our industries going, we must make sure of a steady flow of these materials which we need and must insure prompt and continuous delivery of manufactured wares and raw materials which we wish to give in exchange for that which we buy.

## JAPAN'S GROWTH

In a bulletin recently published by the United States department of commerce attention is called to Japan's commercial growth.

In 1890 Japan's total foreign trade was valued at about \$69,000,000. In 1900 it had grown to \$245,000,000 and in 1920 it amounted to approximately \$2,130,000,000. In 1920 both imports and exports had more than trebled compared with those of 1913. This development made Japan about the fifth commercial nation of the world.

It was in the very early part of 1900 that Japan sent special commissioners to the United States to make an intensive study of our tariff policy and its results. We were then operating under the Dingley protective tariff. The commissioners upon their return to Japan made a determination on the part of Japan to adopt the protective tariff policy and adopt that policy

to Japan's needs. Considerable publicity was given out by the government to the Japanese papers to inform the people of Japan of the reason for such policy. The outstanding feature of that publicity was the emphasis placed upon the necessity for Japanese exports to represent as far as possible the maximum of Japanese labor employed in their fabrication—from the ore in the ground, for example, to the highly finished product. Industries which were found to be practicable in Japan were to be protected.

A country which had a trade of but \$29,000,000 about thirty years ago had now reached fifth place as a commercial nation will probably deem it advisable to continue on a protective basis and that Japan is doing.

Protection has given the people of the United States similar proof of its benefits and free trade has twice within the year one of the middle aged voter illustrated its evil effects, once under Cleveland, the Wilson law under Cleveland, the Wilson law under Cleveland, the Wilson law under Cleveland.

## COMPENSATION ALLOWED

The right of longshoremen, dock workers and others engaged in longshore work to receive the benefits of the compensation acts of the states wherein they are employed has been established by the passage by congress of an amendment to the national code.

Such an amendment has long been urged by labor organizations and two previous attempts to enact similar legislation have been overthrown by being declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. The present amendment avoids the technical defect which resulted in the unconstitutionality of the others.

While most of the state compensation laws provide for injured longshoremen benefits have been withheld owing to a ruling by the United States supreme court, which held that the compensation acts of the various states were imperative in so far as they attempted to provide a rule of recovery for injury received by workers under maritime and admiralty jurisdiction. The amendment passed has the effect of defining this jurisdiction and of discriminating between shore and seagoing ship workers.

The employment service bureau of the labor department is thoroughly organized to provide the wheat belt with all necessary help for the harvest season this year. The season is well opened cutting having commenced in the Port Worth, Texas and other southern districts. The harvest work will continue until early fall, the transient laborers moving northward to keep pace with the ripening grain, until they close their season in the northern tier of states and in Canada.

It is estimated that between 25,000 and 30,000 transient laborers will be required this year. A central office is maintained by the bureau in Kansas City and information is disseminated from this office to all employment applicants, advising them as to acreage, dates of cutting, labor requirements and probable wages to be paid. Twenty thousand labor posters have been printed by the bureau and distributed in those states from which it seems desirable to draw laborers. The chief task of the bureau is to distribute labor evenly. Prior to the existence of the United States employment service there was an annual situation of surplus labor in some localities and scarcity of labor elsewhere. Accurate data on employment needs of each locality is no compiled by the bureau and the flow of laborers is directed accordingly.

The activity of the United States employment service in the harvest belt has done much to destroy the influences of the I. W. W. among harvest hands. One of the chief scenes of action of the I. W. W. for years has been the harvest fields and at one time a powerful organization was maintained throughout the wheat belt.

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